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CRIMINAL ATTEMPT AT MURDER-PLAINFIELD, CT.

On 07/23/2004 The Quinebaug Valley 911 Center received a report of gunshots on Dow Road in Plainfield, Ct. near Rt. 395 overpass. Moments later a second 911 call was received reporting that a subject was shot on Dow Road and needed assistance.

The Plainfield Police Department responded along with Emergency Medical Personnel. As a result Police located Jess Mechlin age 27 of Plainfield, Ct. suffering from a bullet wound. He was taken to William B.

Backus Hospital in Norwich, Ct. for treatment. Mechlin was subsequently transferred to Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, RI. where he remains listed in critical condition.

The Plainfield Police requested the assistance of the Connecticut State Police Eastern District Major Crime Squad and Troopers from Troop D in Danielson. An extensive investigation was conducted, and as a result a subject was arrested for Criminal Attempt at Murder.

At 0602 hours, Yusuf A. Bilal age 22 DOB:08/19/1981 of 1633 Chapel Street New Haven, Ct. was arrested as he attempted to flee out of a rear window at 55 North Chestnut Street Wauregan, Ct. He was taken into custody by State Police Troopers from Troop D and the Plainfield Police. Bilal was transported to Troop D in Danielson, Ct. where he was held on \$500000.cash bond pending arraignment in Danielson Superior Court on Monday July 26, 2004. The investigation is continuing.

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